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SUBJECT: ZAMBIAN PRESS HIGHLIGHTS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA JANUARY 16-17

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SUMMARY: CHAIRMAN OF ZCTU ANNOUNCED JANUARY 15 ZAMBIAN WORKERS  
WOULD PARTICIPATE IN WEEK OF TRADE UNION ACTIVITY JAN 17-22

(REF A) TO "ISOLATE RACIST SOUTH AFRICA". DAILY MAIL FEATURE  
ARTICLE JANUARY 17 DESCRIBED ZUPO AS TOOL OF RHODESIAN REGIM  
OF WHICH MUZOREWA WILL BE MADE LEADER TO EFFECT DEAL WITH  
SMITH. TIMES OF ZAMBIA EDITORIAL JANUARY 17 CRITICIZED  
KISSINGER S EFFORTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND DESCRIBED YOUNG AS MORE  
CONCERNED ABOUT SOUTHERN AFRICAN AFFAIRS THAN HIS PREDECESSORS,  
BUT WARNED THAT AFRICANS WILL NOT ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE USED  
AS PAWNS IN SUPER POWER GAME. JANUARY 17, MAIL CITES REPORT THAT  
RICHARD-NATIONALISTS MEETING CANCELLED BECAUSE RICHARD HAD  
REFUSED TO COMMIT HIS IDEAS TO WRITING. END SUMMARY.

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1. FREDERICK CHILUBA, CHAIRMAN OF THE ZAMBIAN CONGRESS OF TRADE  
UNIONS (ZCTU), JANUARY 15 ANNOUNCED THAT ZCTU AND ALL ZAMBIAN  
WORKERS WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE WEEK OF TRADE UNION ACTION  
AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA JAN 17-22 (REFTEL A). DURING THE  
WEEK ZCTU "WILL UNDERTAKE MEASURES TO TRY AND ISOLATE SOUTH AFRICA  
BY REFUSING TO HANDLE OR BUY THEIR FOOD AND OTHER PRODUCTS".

CHILUBA CALLED FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE BOYCOTT AFTER THE WEEK OF ACTION BECAUSE OF SOUTH AFRICAN REPRESSION OF WORKERS AND TRADE UNIONS, AND THE ECONOMIC DAMAGE THE RACIST REGIME HAS CAUSED ZAMBIA. HE HOPED SOUTH AFRICA'S ISOLATION WOULD BRING THE RACISTS TO THEIR SENSES.

2. IN AN INSIDE PAGE FEATURE ARTICLE ENTITLED, "WHO IS BEHIND ZUPO", A DAILY MAIL CORRESPONDENT DESCRIBES ZUPO AS THE CREATION OF THE SMITH REGIME AND ITS "CHIEF STOOGES", THE TRADITIONAL AFRICAN CHIEFS. ALLEGEDLY, ALTHOUGH PARTY'S FORMATION WAS ANNOUNCED DECEMBER 29, 1976, ITS CREATION WAS DECIDED ON AT A MEETING OF ALL RHODESIAN CHIEFS HELD DECEMBER 7, 1976. AT THIS MEETING, THE CHIEFS WERE TOLD THAT MUZOREWA WOULD LEAD THE PARTY, BUT THE TIME FOR SUCH AN ANNOUNCEMENT HAD NOT YET COME. CITING MUZOREWA'S CONTACTS WITH CHIEF OF RHODESIAN SPECIAL BRANCH IN GENEVA, , THE ARTICLE STATES MUZOREWA IS THE REGIME'S CHOSEN INSTRUMENT TO MERGE HIS ANC BACKING WITH THAT OF THE TRADITIONAL CHIEFS. THIS GROUP WOULD DEAL WITH THE SMITH REGIME AND REACH AN AGREEMENT WHICH WILL LEAVE THE RHODESIAN FRONT IN CHARGE WITH ONLY A SEMBLANCE OF POWER IN THE HANDS OF AFRICAN. THE BRITISH BY REFUSING TO PICK UP THEIR RESPONSIBILITY IN RHODESIA AND BY TREATING WITH SMITH AND HIS COLLEAGUES AS IF THEY WERE RESPECTABLE AND RESPECTFUL MEN ARE PUTTING RACE BEFORE JUSTICE. ARTICLE WARNS ZIMBABWEANS AGAINST PROLIFERATION OF PARTIES AS INIMICAL TO THEIR INTERESTS AND CALLS FOR SUPPORT OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT BECAUSE UNITY LIES IN STRENGTH.

3. TIMES OF ZAMBIA EDITORIAL JANUARY 17 (FULL TEXT BEING REPEATED USIS INFOTEL) SEES ANDREW YOUNG AS AN IMPROVEMENT OVER HIS UNCLASSIFIED

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PREDECESSORS, EDITORIAL CRITICIZES KISSINGER' EFFORTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AS DESIGNED TO SERVE U.S., NOT AFRICAN INTERESTS AND ADMONISHES YOUNG, CONCERNED AS HE IS ABOUT SOUTHERN AFRICA, THAT AFRICANS AND AFRICANS ALONE WILL DECIDE THEIR OWN DESTINY.

4. A REPORT FROM MAPUTO, APPEARING IN THE JANUARY 17 DAILY MAIL, STATES THAT WEEKEND MEETING BETWEEN RICHARD AND RHODESIAN NATIONALISTS WAS CONCELLED BECAUSE JOSHUA NKOMO REFUSED TO ATTEND THE MEETING AT THE LAST MINUTE WHEN HE LEARNED THAT RICHARD WOULD NOT COMMIT HIS IDEAS TO WRITING.  
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